

**Gospel**  
**9,13-17,34-38**

**John 9:1,6-**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**St Theresa:** Ken Lowe, Charles Toon, Elizabeth McVey, Margaret Mitten, May McDaid, Joan Bell, Denis Barrcloni, Matt O'Flynn, Janine Lester, Kathleen York, Louis Hickey, Kenneth Bunney, Eileen Cates, Olive Spyytuma, Maureen Holland, Karen Masters, George Dulson, Maribel Brandt, Nora Mackrory, Eamon Downs

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fitzroy Clarke, David Evans Anna Besler

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

**St Theresa:** Yvonne Wagemaker, Len Leggett, Anna Hardy, Barry Charles, Lorraine Pugh, Sam Reid, June McNeelance

**Sacred Heart:** Matty Hatton, Marie Lee, Claire Hill, Paul Lallo, Soundrie Alles, Marina Anandappa, Sally Knight, Carolyn Hanley, Matthew Hewitson, , Anna Ibanez, Norah Miller, Christina Prioretti, Gracie Mendonca, Clem Jansen, Renato Miranda, Sean Harrison, Neil Walton, Chloe Holton, Sarah-Jane Loughran, Joe Ibanez, Paul Gaddle, Penny Rowe, Annie King, Ian Willocks, Kenneth Scullion.

**Newsletter Items by Wednesday am. Thank you**

**Weekly Devotions**  
Wednesdays after Mass until  
10.00am at St. Theresa's  
Friday 9.15am at Sacred Heart

**RECONCILIATION**

**"Be courageous and go to confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love" (Pope Francis)**  
5.45 to 6.15 before Saturday Mass or by Appointment.

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## FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 March	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> Mass 9.30 am Mothers' Day	Eamon & Denise (RIP)
<b>MONDAY</b> 23 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	Private Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b> 24 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	All Parishioners
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 25 March	<b>The Annunciation Of The Lord</b> Mass 9.30 am	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 26 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 27 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 28 March	<b>Lenten Feria</b> Mass 9.30 am	Pat McNulty (RIP)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 29 March	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Mass 9.30 am	

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**SAFEGUARDING  
OFFICERS**  
**St Theresa's**  
Brenda Bentham  
**Sacred Heart**  
John Mumford

Can we all make a big effort to be silent in Church before the start of Mass so as to establish an atmosphere of prayer prior to our celebration of the Eucharist.  
Thank you.

## **CHANGE OF MASS TIMES AFTER EASTER**

**Sundays only** - St. Theresa's **9.15 am** not 09.30, Sacred Heart **11.15 am** not 11am.

**FIRE ASSEMBLY POINTS** – For your own safety, will you please note where your Fire Assembly Points are situated.

St. Theresa's is by the wall in the front of the garage.

Sacred Heart is at the top end of the car park fence side, past the hall.

**A NEW OFFER. OBERAMMERGAU & THE AUSTRIAN ALPS JULY & AUGUST 2020 4 DAYS FROM £995PP.** Experience a once-in-a-decade opportunity on this unique journey to watch the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Two nights in the quaint village of Oberammergau and A Passion Play Dinner. For further information Contact Arena Travel 03713460812

**THEMES OF CATHOLICISM** – Fr. Ted's course of 10 DVD's on themes of Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron is suspended until further notice.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** – If you find that your deceased loved one's name is not in the book please PRINT their name on a piece of paper and hand it in through the presbytery door. We will then add them to the list. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THE SHEETS IN THE FOLDER. Thank you.

**FOR SALE** - St Patrick's Mothers' Day, Easter and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion cards are now in stock at both Churches. Get first Choice by buying early. Also a lovely selection of paper weights. They make lovely gifts

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** – There is a book of Remembrance in both churches. There is a photograph, prayers and readings chosen by family and friends. This is a way of remembering those that have gone before us but are very much in our memories and prayers. If you would like to include a loved one in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Father Ted or Danuta Lloyd.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at Sacred Heart Summer Fayre. Further details to follow.

**PARISH RETREAT** – Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm in St. Theresa's is now cancelled.

**THE CARE GROUP** of the parish hope to dedicate the last Sunday of the month to celebrate and pray for couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month. If any couples in the parish would like to send in their names (and if they wish, the date of the anniversary) to Marie (Care Group member) at the following contact: [marieab1948@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marieab1948@yahoo.co.uk), the names will be included in the parish newsletter of the week (and also mentioned and prayed for during the mass by the celebrant).

**PASSOVER SUPPER** – is now cancelled.

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE CATHOLIC TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE.** Are you interested in a career in teaching? Our Catholic primary schools are looking for educators to help our young people grow in their faith. Our dedicated School Direct route guarantees a placement in a faith school and is run by an outstanding provider of Initial Teacher Training. If you have a degree in any subject, contact [teachingschool@ctk.leics.sch.uk](mailto:teachingschool@ctk.leics.sch.uk) for more information.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOLLOW UP:** After the inspiring service last Friday at the Baptist Church, Rothley, it was suggested that the participants should meet for coffee at Rothley Methodist Church, Howe Lane on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am. There we shall discuss how we can implement the commitments we made to make a difference to the community of Rothley. All welcome.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> - Parish Council Meeting in Father Keating Hall  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Sacred Heart Feast Day 7.pm  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre at Sacred Heart  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bazaar at St. Theresa's

**Pease be aware that the Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation is now suspended until further notice.**

**Your Sunday collection could still be made by putting it through the presbytery door. Thank you.**